House rejects Senate payroll tax measure, calls for compromise (A

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A compromise measure approved overwhelmingly in the United States Senate that would extend the Social Security payroll tax cut for two months has been rejected by the House.

The biggest disagreement between the Senate and the House, according to Congressman Lee Terry, is the short-term fix. But that's not the only disagreement.

"We disagree with a lot of what the Senate took out and disagree with what they put in and we should have the right to have a negotiated conference," Terry tells Nebraska Radio Network.

The Senate Saturday approved a compromise measure on an 89-to-10 vote. Senate leaders agreed to extend the 2% payroll tax cut for two months, giving Congress more time to negotiate an agreement to extend the tax cut throughout 2012. The Senate stripped several measures inserted by the House, such as restrictions on benefits for the long-term unemployed and cuts to discretionary spending to pay for the measure. It left in a provision on the Keystone XL pipeline to garner Republican support.

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